



# CMAT CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

*A thriving family of schools who work together to celebrate differences, and support each other in pursuit of excellence.*

## DOCUMENT CONTROL

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### Summary of changes within this version

<p>Inclusion of filtering and monitoring and cyber crime.</p> <p>Specification that schools must have procedures for managing allegations towards staff.</p>
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

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Chancery Multi Academy Trust (CMAT)'s first priority is the responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils. As a Trust that will potentially work across a number of local authorities (LAs), we recognise that the key statutory duties for safeguarding are held at a local level through Safeguarding Partnership arrangements.

It is therefore appropriate that policies in respect of safeguarding and child protection are led at a local level. It is the responsibility of each school to personalise and implement such policy. Each individual school is responsible for ensuring compliance with its local Safeguarding Partnership arrangements, procedures and policies and for publishing its own safeguarding and child protection policy in accordance with statutory requirements.

## **2. IMPLEMENTATION**

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The Trust will ensure that all CMAT schools:

- Have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who has overall accountability for safeguarding in their school. See Appendix 1.
- Have suitable arrangements to ensure that a deputy DSL is available to cover for the absence of the nominated DSL.
- Have a named governor for Safeguarding.
- That both DSL and deputy DSL receive training that at least matches statutory requirements of the role.
- Ensure that all staff and governors receive regular training on best practice in Safeguarding and that this training reflects the latest requirements of the government's 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance.
- Have in place safeguarding arrangements which are designed to take account of all possible safeguarding issues including Child on Child Abuse; Child Exploitation, FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) and Preventing Radicalisation.
- Are aware of current trends, both nationally and in the local area e.g. County Lines
- Adhere to safer recruitment practices and that at least one member of any recruitment panel organised by the school has completed Safer Recruitment training.
- Have appropriate filtering and monitoring systems in place and regularly review their effectiveness.
- Maintain high-quality, accurate and secure records of any safeguarding concerns and incidents, taking account of all relevant Data Protection requirements.
- Review the effectiveness of information security procedures periodically to keep up with evolving cyber-crime technologies

- Have arrangements for working together with other agencies and for sharing information with other professionals.
- Take account of their local authority's procedures and practices established by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LCSB) and its successor Safeguarding Partnership, and comply with any requests from local safeguarding partners.
- Have in place effective local policies covering Safeguarding & Child Protection, including managing allegations against staff and low level concerns.
- Develop a culture of listening to children and take account of their wishes and feelings.
- Teach children the skills they need to help safeguard themselves, including online safety through teaching and learning opportunities as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Fulfil all their statutory responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children

The Trust will:

- Ensure there is a Trust DSL to oversee the Trust and the central team.
- Have a named director for Safeguarding.
- Ensure that members of the Central Team and Board members receive regular safeguarding updates and undertake safeguarding training to keep them up-to-date with best practice and statutory requirements.
- Have in place effective trust-wide policies covering Safeguarding & Child Protection, including whistleblowing.
- Monitor the effectiveness of schools' safeguarding arrangements as part of the standard programme of regular school improvement, compliance checking and health & safety visits.

### **3. POLICY REVIEW**

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This statement was reviewed by the CMAT Board in September 2023. In line with recommended best practice, it will be reviewed again in September 2024.

## Appendix 1 – Safeguarding reporting across the trust

